



# **HIV-AIDS**

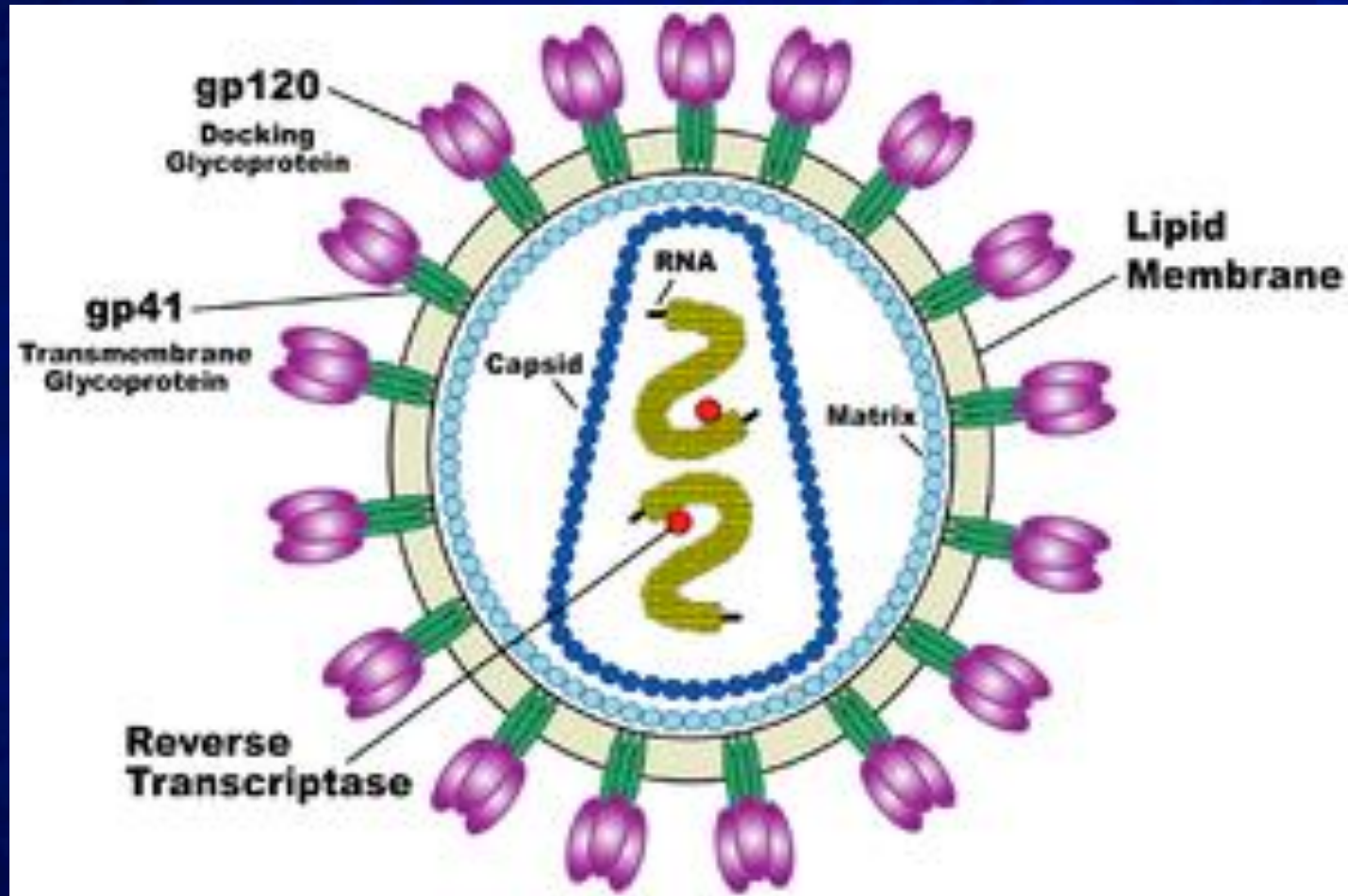
## **An Over View**



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# HIV

- It is a retrovirus contains two copies of RNA.

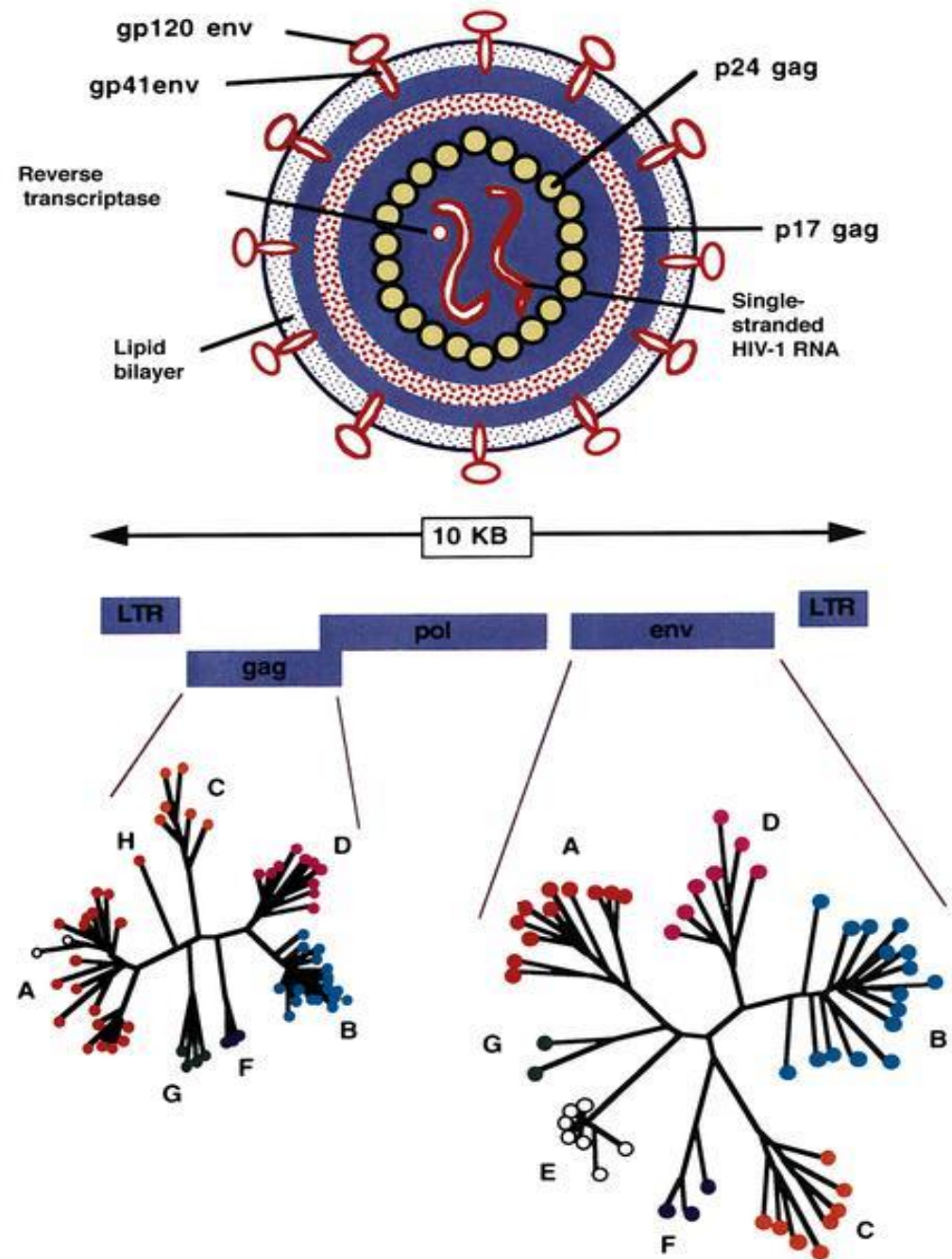


# HIV

has 2 main variants

HIV-1

HIV-2





# **HIV-1**

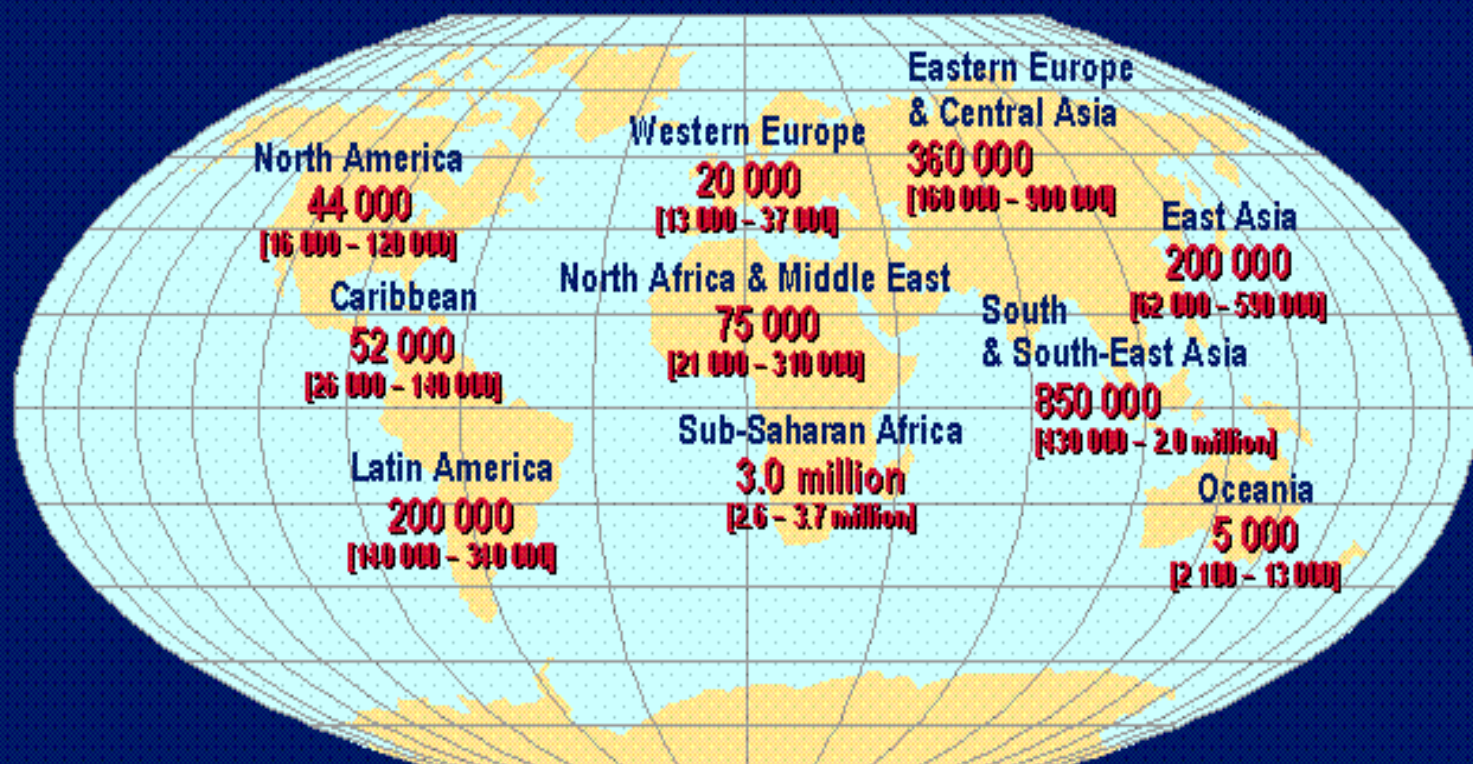
- Predominates in most parts of the world.
- Highly infectious.
- Has different subtypes according to virulence.

# **HIV-2**

- Endemic in West Africa.
- Less infectious and less pathogenic than HIV-1
- Has cross reactivity and protective role against HIV-1.



# Estimated number of adults and children newly infected with HIV during 2003



**Total: 4.8 (4.2 – 6.3) million**

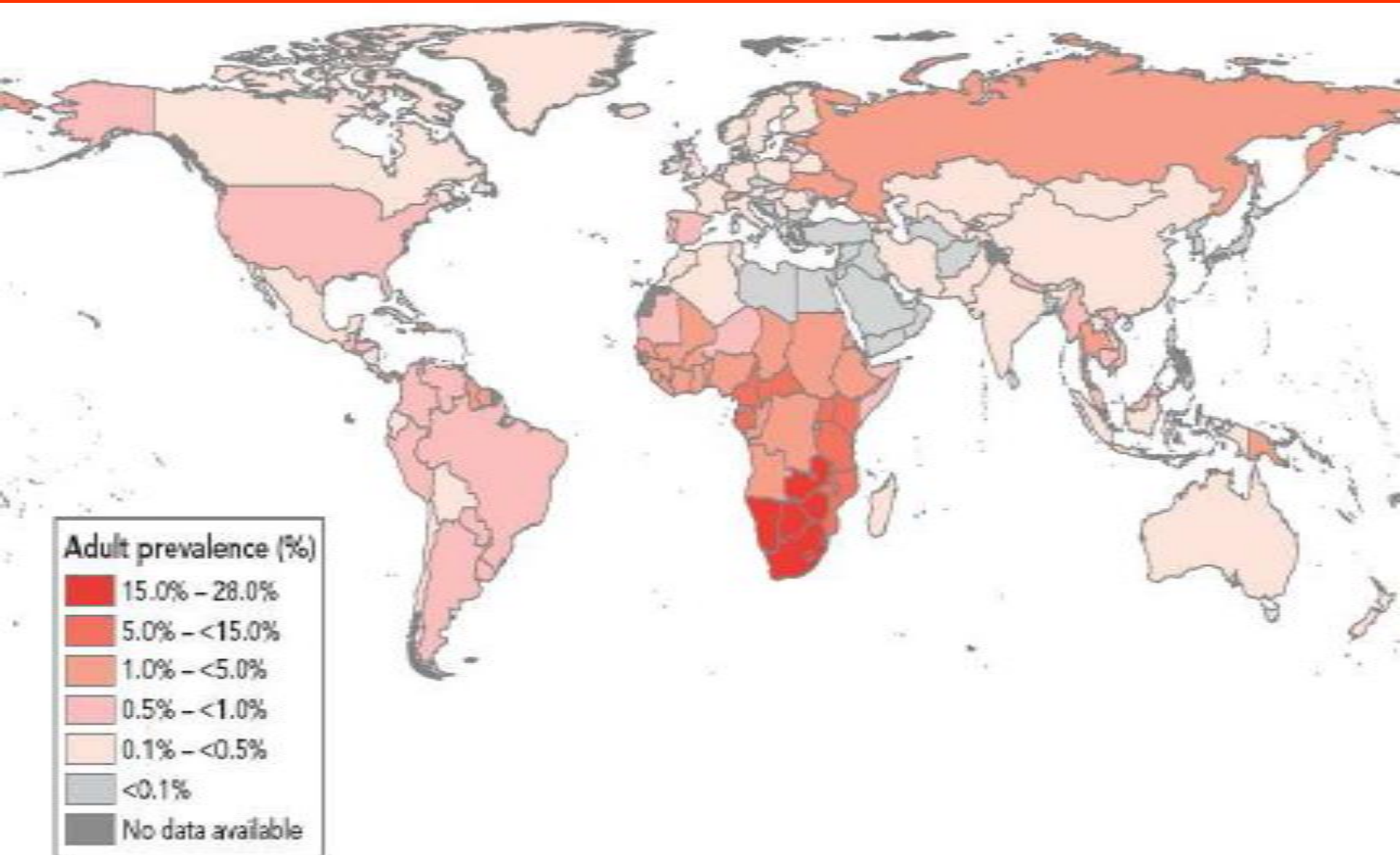
# Adults and children estimated to be living with HIV as of end 2003



**Total: 37.8 (34.6 – 42.3) million**



# 33MILLION (30-36) LIVING 2007





# تقديرات الإصابة بالعدوى بفيروس الإيدز في بلدان إقليم شرق المتوسط ٢٠٠٢-٢٠٠٢



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## العدد التقديري للمصابين للإيدز والعدوى بفيروسه خلال ٢٠٠٢-٢٠٠٢

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# ***Factors Enhance The Epidemics In Africa***

**A-Biological factors**

**B- Behavioral & social factors**

## A-Biological factors

- High rates of STDs with ulcers.
- Low rates of male circumcision.



# How STDs Amplify HIV Transmission?

1-Ulceration.

2-Inflammation leads to increasing of:

- the conc. of HIV in genital secretions.
- the number of cells receptive to HIV.
- the number of receptors per cell.

The interaction between STDs & HIV is known as “Epidemiological Synergy”.

## **B- Behavioral & social factors**

- Little or no condom use.
- Multiple partners.
- Overlapping sexual partnership.
- Women's economic dependence on marriage or prostitution, so unable to discuss for safer sex.

# HIV Life Cycle

## A- Cell membrane:

Viral fusion & attachment:

- gp120 bind to CD4
- gp41 to CCR5 or CXCR4 (trigger fusion)



## **B- Intracytoplasmic:**

- Entrance.
- Uncoating capsid .
- Reverse transcription of RNA to proviral DNA..

## **C- Intranuclear:**

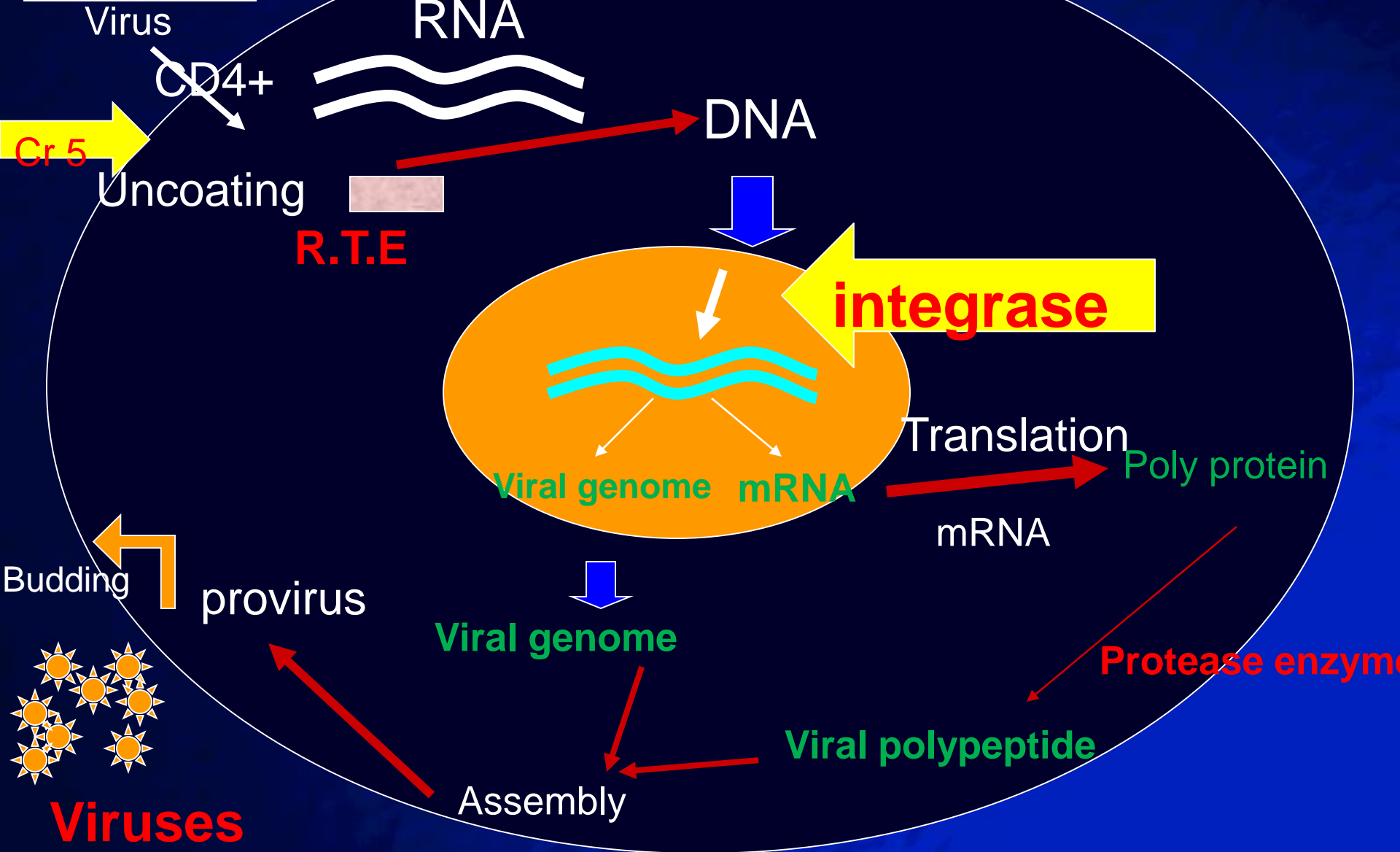
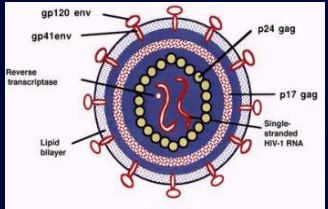
- Proviral DNA integrated with nucleus DNA. By (Integrase enzyme)
- Production of RNA genome & mRNA.

## **D-Outside the nucleus again**

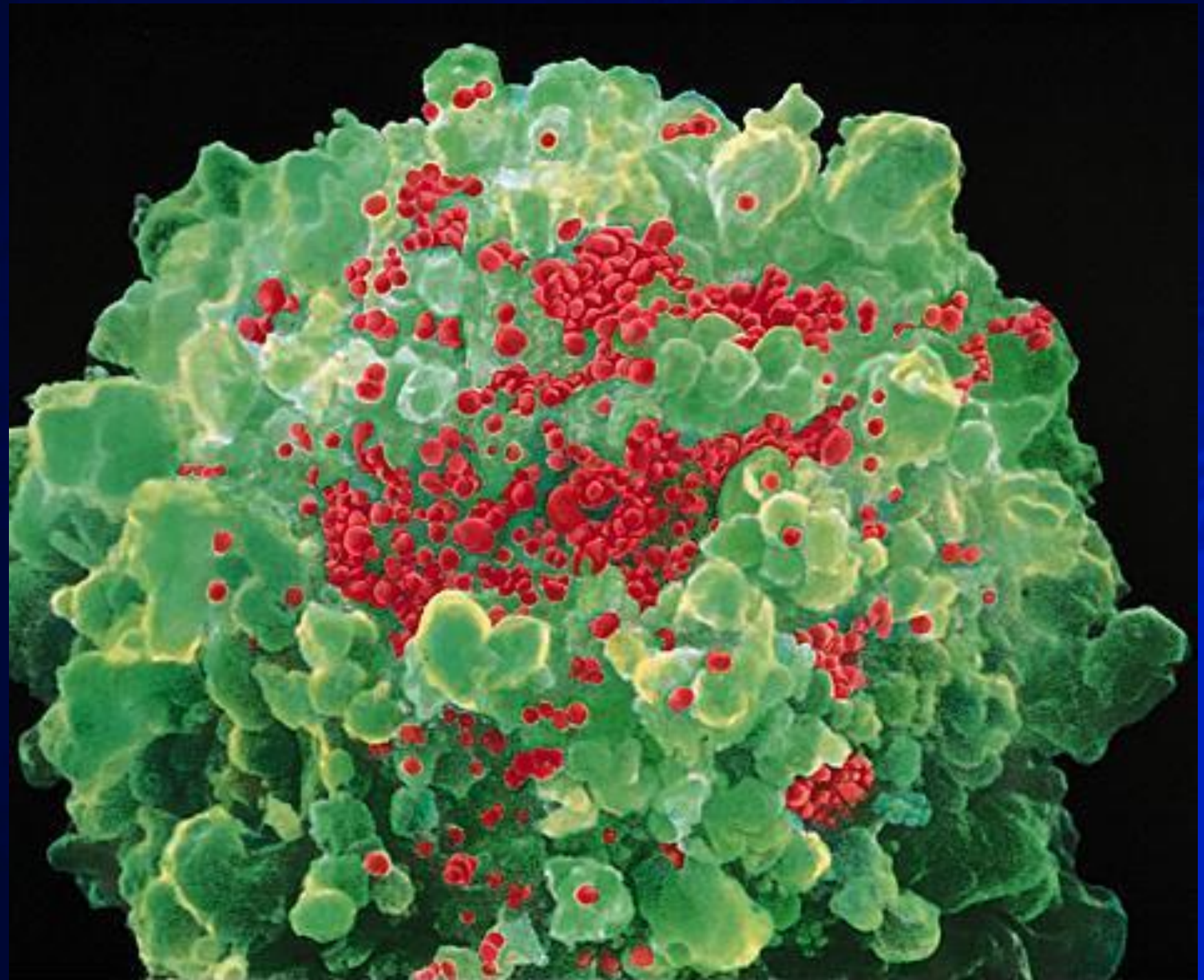
- Translation of mRNA to viral polyproteins.
- Cleavage of the polyproteins by protease enzyme into active viral polypeptide.
- Assembly between the viral genome & the viral polypeptide to form active proviron.

## **E-Cell membranes**

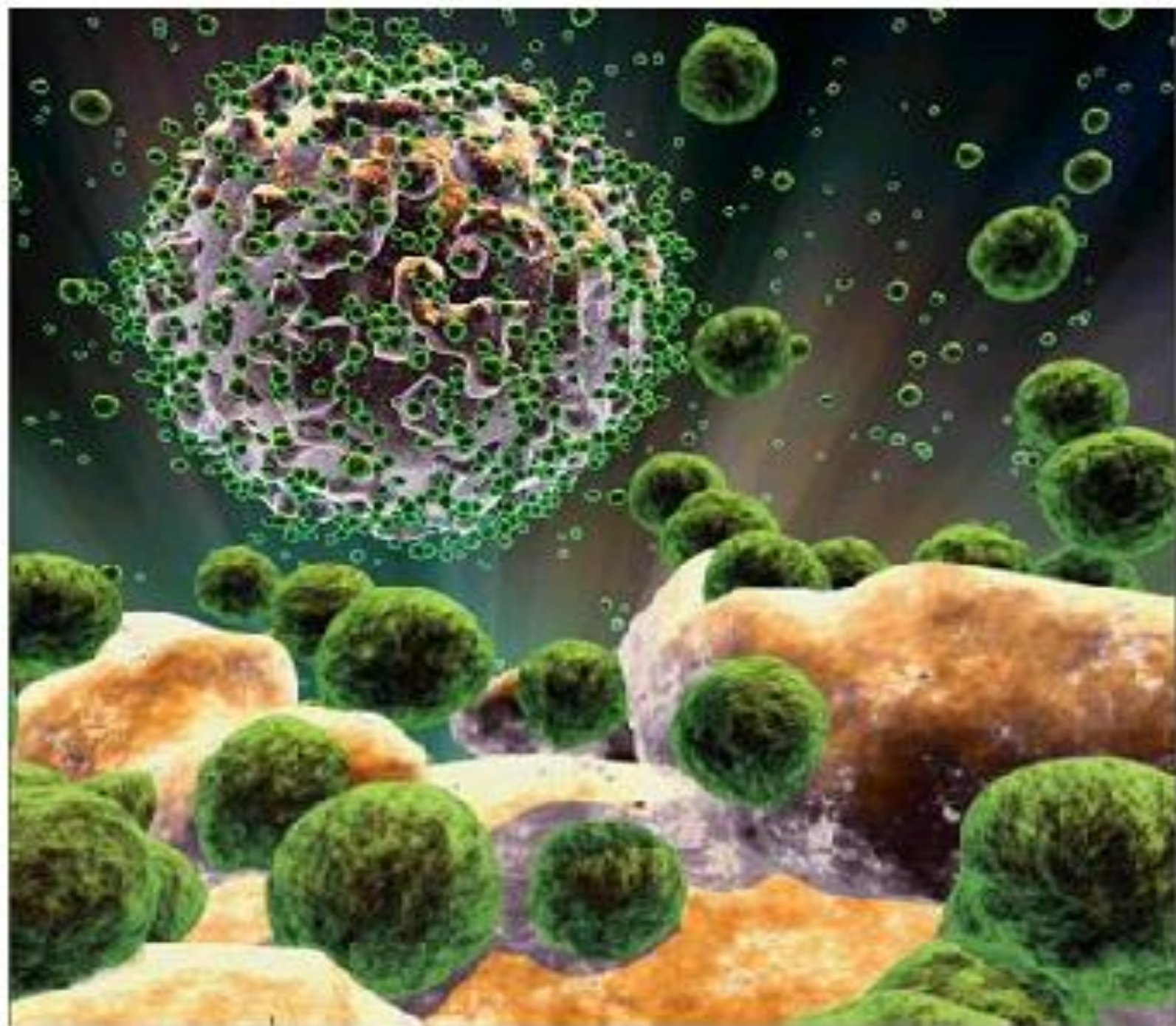
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# Immunology

- HIV binds to CD4 receptors on helper T-lymphocytes, monocytes, macrophages, and neural cells.
- The infected CD4+ migrates to the lymphoid tissue where the virus replicates producing billions of new virions.

- The released virions infect new CD4+ cells. As the infection progresses impaired function of CD4+ cells predisposes to the development of immune dysfunction.



The most common methods of transmission of HIV are:

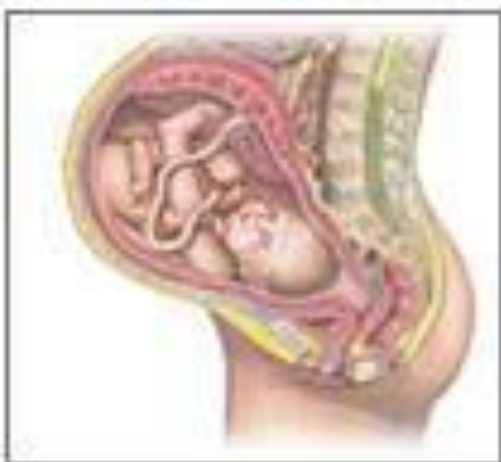


Unprotected sex with an infected partner



Sharing needles with infected person

Almost eliminated as risk factors for HIV transmission are:



Transmission from infected mother to fetus



Infection from blood products

# **HIV Transmission: Global Summary**

- **Sexual intercourse: 70–80 %**
  - (vaginal) (60–70) %
  - (anal) (5–10) %
- **Injecting drug use 5–10 %**
- **Perinatal: 5–10 %**
- **Blood transfusion: 3–5%**
- **Health care (needlestick injury, etc.) <0.01%**

# Vertical transmission

- Mothers with high viral load (durring **acute influenza stage &/or aids** ) can infect their infants.
- Timing of infection:
  - Early phase of pregnancy is uncommon.
  - Late pregnancy is common.
  - During delivery by infected blood & genital secretions is very common while those delivered by C.S. have decreased incidence.

## ■ Breast feeding:

- Infants can be infected if the mother contract the HIV during breast-feeding or before pregnancy with high viral load.

**N.B.** Do not stop breast-feeding because infants will die from bottle-feeding.

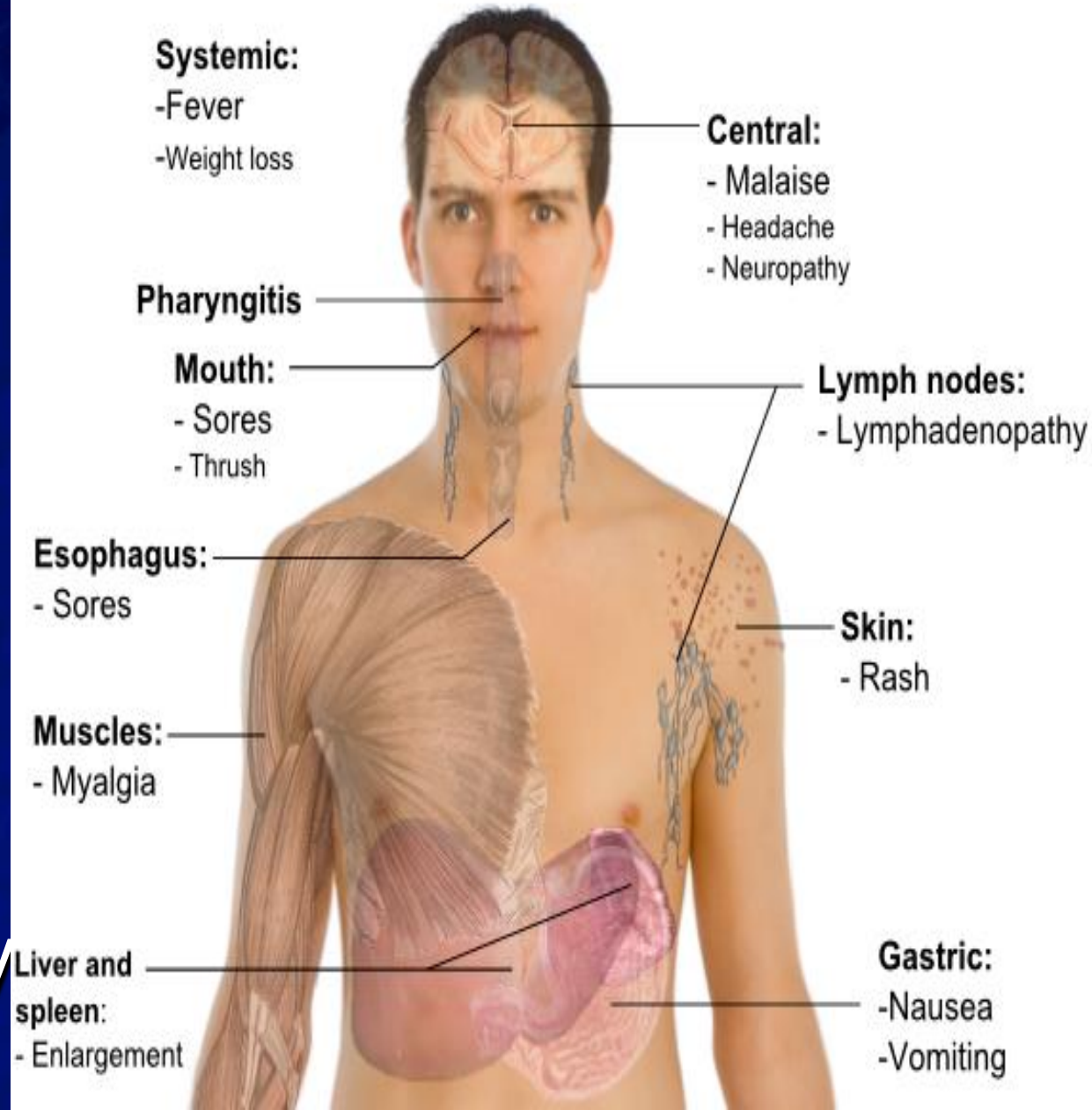


# Clinical Course

# Acute HIV syndrome

- Influenza like.
- Develops 3-6 weeks after infection.
- Stays 1-2 weeks then resolve spontaneously

## Main symptoms of Acute HIV infection



- Vireamia (HVL) i.e.  $10^9$  virions are produced per day.
- Transient marked decline in CD4 cell count.
- Seroconversion i.e. positive Anti-HIV serology after spontaneous resolution of symptoms (6-8 weeks).

# Asymptomatic Infection

- Positive serology.
- Low viral load due to intact immunity & trapping of the virus in lymph nodes.
- CD4 cell count may be variable.
- PGL.
- It lasts variable periods of time up to 10 years or more.





# ***When We Start ARVs Treatment in an Asymptomatic patients***



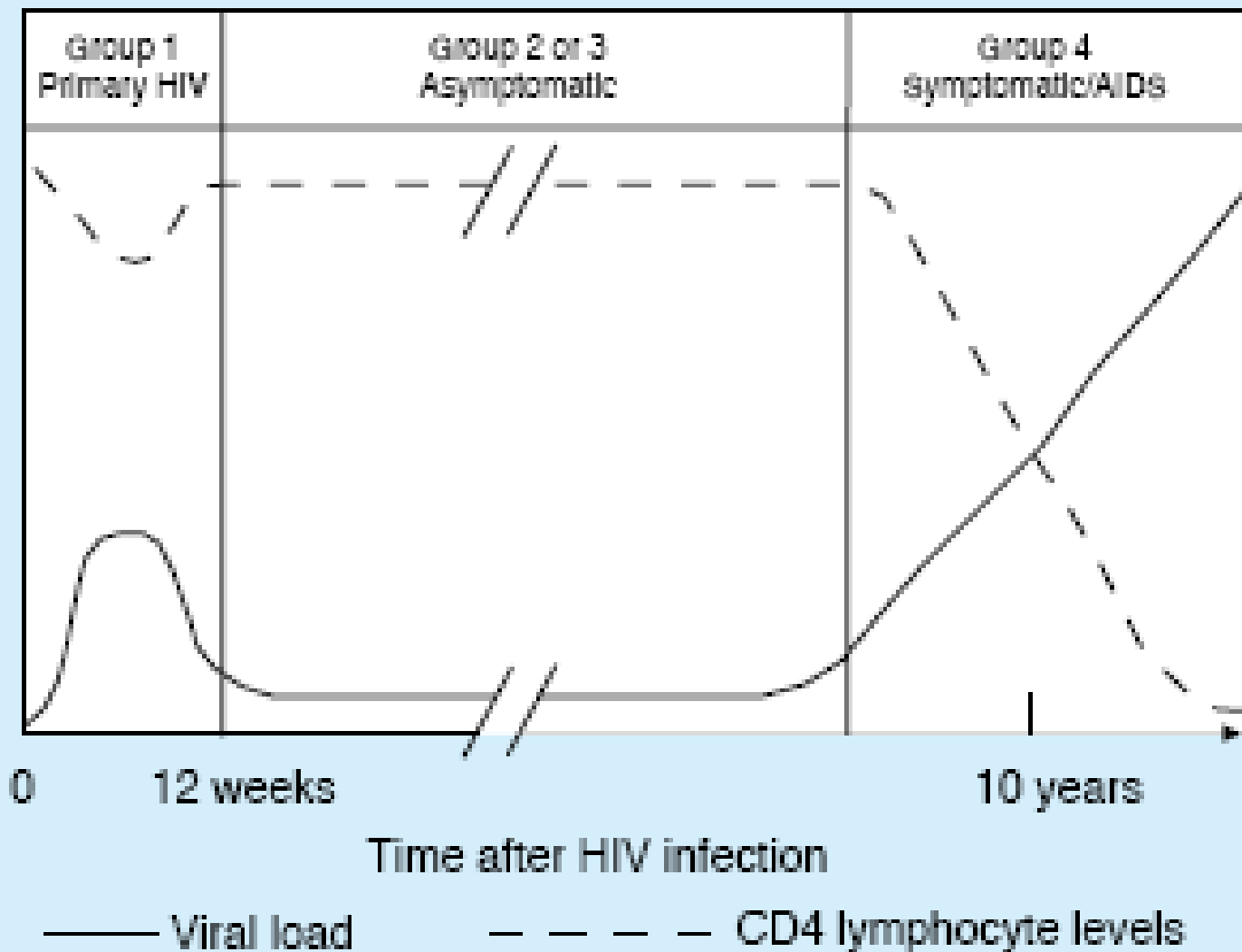
***When :*** ?

- CD4 T cell count 500 cells/ mm<sub>3</sub>**
- The HIV-RNA level 10.000 copies /ml**

*(The International AIDS Society USA Panel  
Recommendation 1997)*

# Symptomatic (AIDS)

- ➡ Early: oral candidiasis & hairy leucoplakia, prolonged fever, ch. Diarrhea, weight loss & seborrheic dermatitis.
- ➡ AIDs defining illness & opportunistic infections.
- ➡ CD4 cell count is less than  $200/\text{mm}^3$ .
- ➡ HVL again due to lack of immunity.



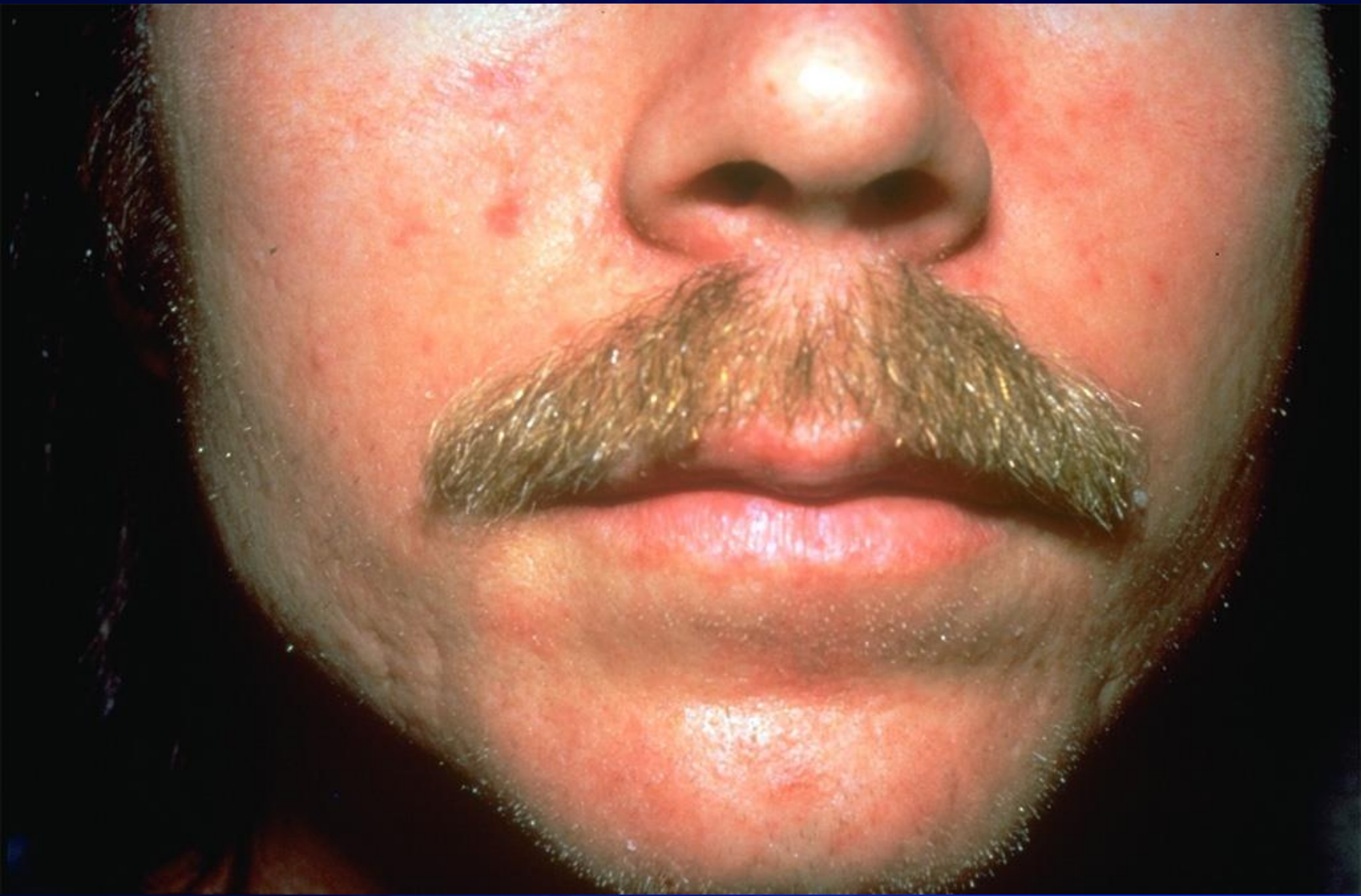


















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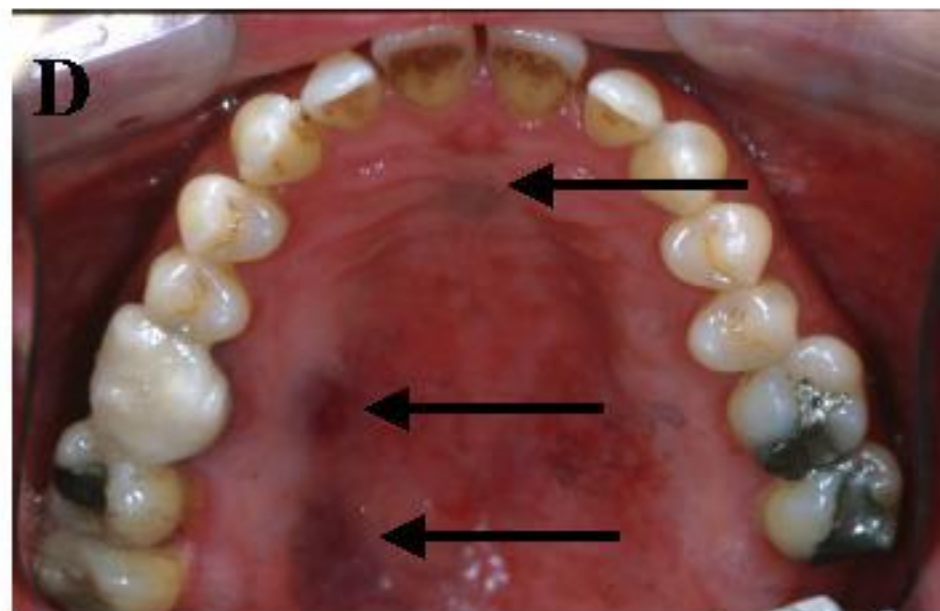
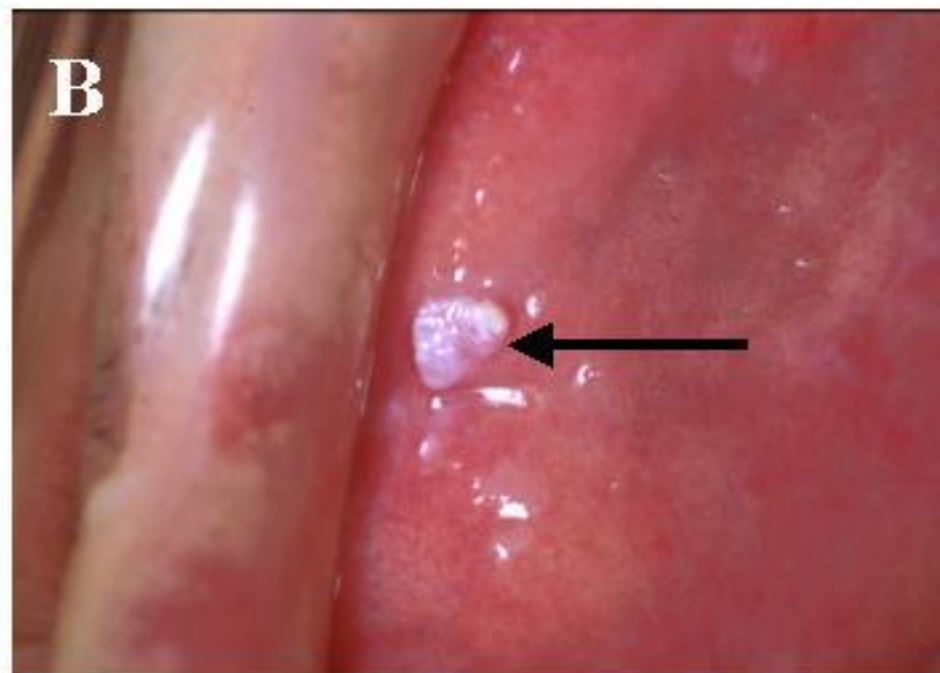
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# Case Definition for AIDS

**All patients with:**

**CD4 less than 200cells / mm<sup>3</sup>**

**AIDS indicator conditions e.g:**

- » **Pulmonary TB**
- » **Invasive cervical carcinoma**
- » **Recurrent pneumonia**
- » **Ch. Diarrhea & ch. Weight loss > 10%**
- » **Candidiasis of esophagus, trachea and bronchi.**

*CDC(1993)*

# ***HIV Pathogenic Potential***

- 1- Perinatally infected infants develop the disease in 6 months.**
- 2- Transfusion patients of all age within 6 years.**
- 3- Immunologically normal homosexual men in 10 years.**
- 4- Transplant patients in 2 years.**
- 5- Young patients with severe hemophilia in 14 years.**



# ***Factors Affecting Natural History of HIV Infection***

## ***A- Viral:***

- 1- The dose of the infecting virus.
- 2- Viral cell tropism for specific cells.
- 3- Viral virulence according to the subtypes of it.

## ***B- Non viral:***

- 1- Immunologic state.
- 2- Psychosocial condition.
- 3- Alcoholism & drug abuse.
- 4- Previous or concurrent infections.
- 5- Associated STDs.





# Laboratory Tests in HIV-infections

1- Diagnosis → By detection  Antibodies  
Antigens

2. Monitoring of treatment or  
progression by  CD4 count  
RNA test as PCR

# 1- Laboratory tests ; Diagnosis

## ***A- Detection of Antibodies:***

- 1-Screening test ELISA.
- 2-Confirmatory test (Western Blot) .

## ***B- Detection of Viral Antigen :***

- 1- Capture ELISA for 24 antigen.
- 2- PCR (non quantitative ).
- 3- Immune complex –dissociated HIV.
- 4- Viral Culture .

# ***HIV Diagnosis***

## **A- Detection of HIV antibodies:**

Seroconversion (detectable Abs) within 4 -12 weeks of acquiring the infection in  $> 95\%$  of cases.



# ***ELISA***

- 1st step in diagnosis of HIV.
- The test have sensitivity of 99.9 %.
- But has false +ve in cases of : --
  - multiparous women &
  - polyclonal hypergammaglobinemia.

- **ELISA can detect HIV ABs in:**
  - **Serum:**
  - **Oral mucosotransudate (OMT)**
    - An OMT sampling device, has been approved by FDA & its testing is equivalent to testing to serum.

# ELISA test

- Is available as a disposable kit for single test, so it can be used easily in clinics and small laboratories.



# Confirmatory Tests

## Western blot:

To detect different ABs to specific HIV proteins (GP41, P24, P55 or GP110 bands indicate a positive results for HIV infection).

# B-Detection of Viral Antigen

## ***1- Capture ELISA for P 24 antigen:***

It is reliable to detect HIV infection one week before seroconversion so reduce the window period.

## ***2- PCR test (Non-quantitative):***

- Diagnosis in rare cases when Abs & Ags P24 tests are negative.
- For mass screening.
- Test for blood donors to reduce window to 11 days but costly.

### 3-Immune complex -dissociated HIV:

(ICD- HIV)

To detect P 24 -core protein in **neonates** that may be masked by maternal Abs.

### 4- Viral culture:

It is possible, but not practical



# Laboratory Tests in HIV-infections

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CD4 count  
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## **2- Monitoring tests to Monitor treatment or progression**

**1- CD4 T-cell count measurement**

**(Flow cytometry test )**

**2- RNA test quantitative.**

# *Lab. Tests To Monitor Treatment or Progression*

## ■ *CD4 T cell count test*

*“Flow cytometry test”*

It is a prognostic indicator in HIV patients,

It is used to:

A-determine when antiviral should be initiated.

B- determine when prophylaxis for  
Pneumocystic carinii starts.

C- monitor the efficacy of treatment.



## ***2- HIV-RNA Quantitative test***

Measuring viral load has become the marker of choice for therapeutic monitoring.

### **Methods:**

- 1- Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT- PCR).
- 2- Neuclic acid-base sequence (NASBA).
- 3- Branched DNA (bDNA) assay.

**N.B.**

*Viral RNA measurements are:*

- 1-More direct.
- 2- More accurate.
- 3- More helpful markers than other markers:
  - CD4 cell count.
  - P24 antigen detection.

# Why Antiviral Therapy?

- Reduce viral replication.
- Delay disease progression.
- Prolong survival.
- Intervention program:
  - to reduce the infectiousness.
  - postexposure prophylaxis.



# FDA APPROVED ANTIVIRALS IN 1990s

Category	Generic Name	Trade Name
Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors <b>NRTIs</b>	Zidovudine (ZDV, AZT) Didanosine (ddI) Zalcitabine (ddC) Stavudine (d4T) Lamivudine (3TC) Abacavir (ABC) Zidovudine/lamivudine	Retrovir® Videx® Hivid® Zerit® Epivir® Ziagen® Combivir®
Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors <b>NNRTIs</b>	Nevirapine (NVP) Delavirdine (DLV) Efavirenz (EFV)	Viramune® Rescriptor® Sustiva®
Protease inhibitors <b>PIs</b>	Saquinavir (SQV) Ritonavir (RTV) Indinavir (IDV) Nelfinavir (NFV) Amprenavir (APV)	Inivase® Fortovase® Norvir® Crixivan® Viracept® Agenerase® Generid® Hydrea®
Adjunctive medications	Hydroxyurea	Droxia®

# The Viral key enzymes

1-RTC.

2- Integrase

.3-Protease

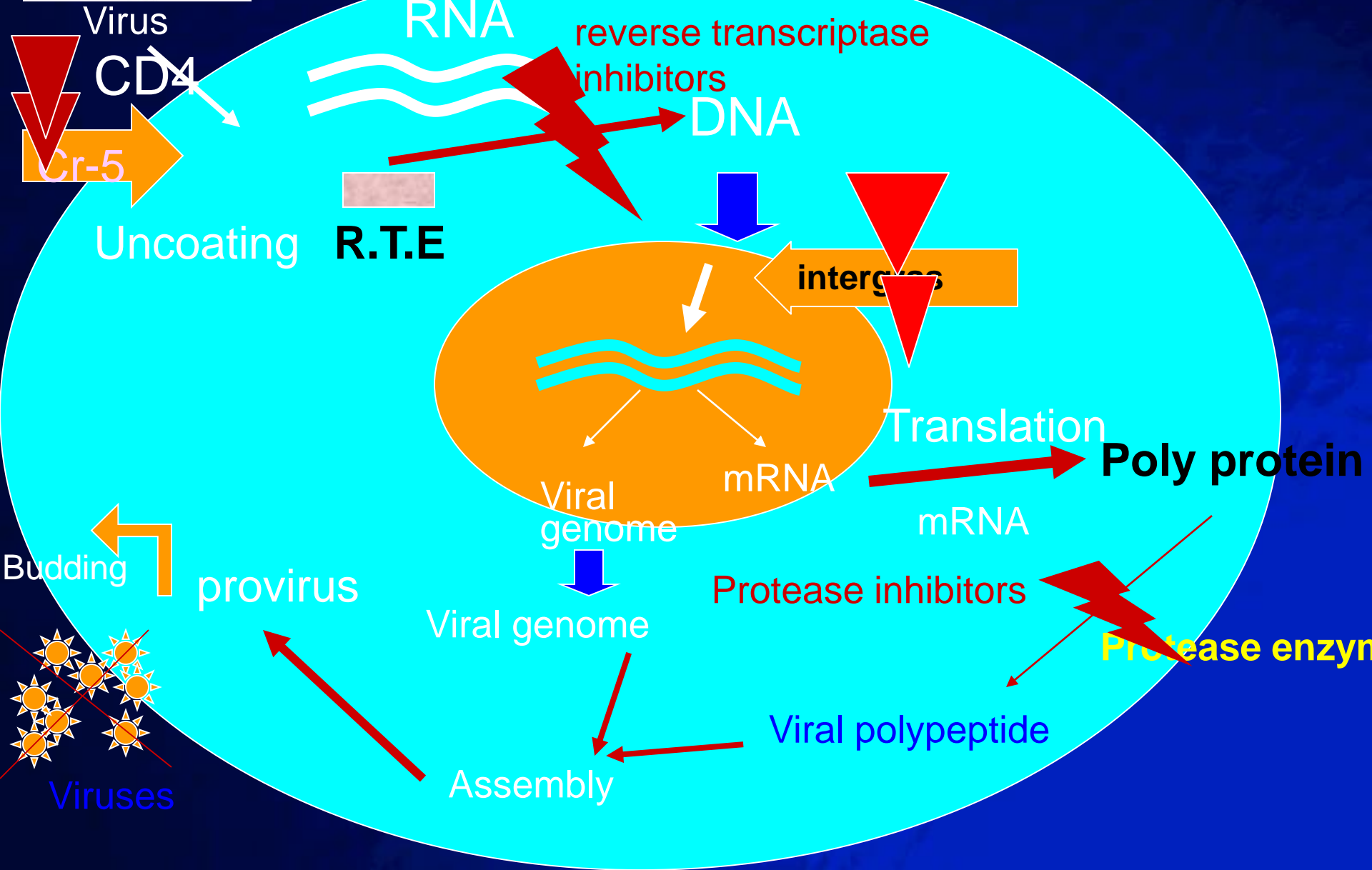
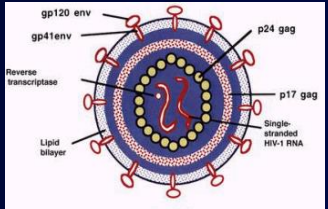
TTT are:

Inhibitors for these enzymes

# ANTI HIV therapy

- There are currently six classes of medications for treatment of HIV infection that block various stages of the HIV life cycle by targeting key enzymes.
- - **Reverse transcriptase inhibitors**  
( Nucleoside NRTIs & non N. NNRTIs.)
- - **Integrase inhibitors, & Protease inhibitors**  
prevent replication of the viral genome and intracellular viral maturation.
- **Fusion inhibitors and CCR5 antagonists**  
block the entry of virus into the CD4 cell either by interfering with viral fusion or co-receptor binding.





# Highly active antiretroviral therapy or HAART.

- Highly beneficial to many HIV-infected individuals
- Introduced, when the protease inhibitors initially became available in 1996
- Current HAART are combinations of at least three drugs belonging to at least two "classes," of antiretroviral agents

# ***Initial Triple-drug Regimen***

■ **2 NRTIs and one PI.**

**OR**

■ **2NRTIs and 1 NNRTIs**



# Combination Therapy

- Monotherapy leads to drug resistance.
- Combination therapy examples:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>

• Zidovudine	200mg t.d.s.
• Didanosine	200mg b.i.d.
• Nevirapine	200- 400mg once daily

## —2<sup>nd</sup>

- Zidovudin      200mg t.d.s.
- Lamivudin    150 mg twice daily
- Indinavir      200mg t.d.s.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> is currently considered optimal with best efficacy, least side effects & lowest chance of selecting resistant mutant.

# New classes of drugs : FDA approved 2007

- 1- **Integrase inhibitors** Raltegravir (Isentress®)
  - 2- **CCR5 antagonists** (Maraviroc (Selzentry®))
- treatment options for patients who are already resistant to common therapies,
- they are:
- -expensive and
  - -not widely available.



# THE EFFECT OF HAART

In countries where , the effective HAART is widely used ,There are :

- 1-Reduced the death rate HIV pts.
- 2-Increase their life expectancy ,

In addition to continuous spread of the disease these lead to increase of the number of HIV living persons .

# ***Side Effects of ARVs***

- Headache, nausea, fatigue, peripheral neuritis, diarrhea and kidney stone.
- The cost of the triple-drug regimen is approximately \$ 1.000/ month.
- But now, ( 2004 – UNAIDS) the regimen cost 300\$/ year .



***When The Patient Stops  
The ARVs Therapy?***



***A:***

***NO STOPPAGE.***

**Because stopping of the drug  
will lead to:**

- 1- Virus breakthrough.**
- 2- Drug resistant strains.**



# **How HIV Can Be Turned into a Chronic Manageable Disease?**

- 1. Combination therapy (HAART)& and early intervention.**
- 2. Development of new highly active antiviral.**
- 3. Viral load monitoring.**
- 4. Opportunistic infections prophylaxis.**

# How to Reduce New Infections

## A-Behavioral changes

■ التمسك بالدين و الفضيلة

- Condom use.
- One partner only.
- Safer sex.

## **B-Biological intervention**

- **Vaccines.**
- **Topical microbicides**
- **Male circumcision.**
- **Use of antiviral therapy:**
  - **To reduce infectiousness.**
  - **Occupational exposure & needle-stick inj.**
  - **Postexposure prophylaxis**



# Vaccines

- An ideal vaccine of HIV would work by increasing immunity of the susceptible host to prevent mucosal or systemic infection
- Conversely, if the vaccine is less than 100% effective, it could increase overall rates of transmission. (Why)
- However, after over 20 years of research, HIV-1 remains a difficult target for a vaccine.



# **TOPICA MICROBICIDAL MUST BE:**

- 1. Active against STDs pathogens & HIV.**
- 2. Very limited toxicity.**
- 3. Allow reproductive function.**
- 4. Be acceptable for sexual intercourse.**
- 5. Biologically difusable, adhesive & have long duration effect.**
- 6. No systemic absorption.**
- 7. No special storage.**

# NONOXYNOL-9 (N-9)

- It is the only topical microbicide in widespread use.
- It is a detergent can induce mucosal inflammation.
- NOW it is found that, (N-9) use increases the rate of HIV infection & has no protective effect against STDs. (WHY)





# Circumcision

- In uncircumcised men ,the inner surface of the foreskin full of Langerhans' cells which have receptors to HIV.
- When men are circumcised; the mucosal tissue of the glans keratinizes & evolves into stratified squamous epithelium (resistant).

- Many countries in which all boys are circumcised before puberty have very limited epidemics.
- In countries with wider epidemics, circumcised men have lower HIV rates than uncircumcised men do.

# **ARVs Therapy to Reduce Infectiousness**

- **Starting combination therapy can reduce the viral load in the blood as well as in semen & genital secretions.**



# Occupational exposure and Needle-stick injury

Wash well; encourage bleeding;  
do not suck or immerse in bleach.

**LARGE inoculum** (deep puncture from  
wide-bore needle causing bleeding ).means

***HIGH-RISK***

Start **ttt.** within the first hour of puncture  
and cont. for **4 weeks**

(zidovudin 300mg & lamivudin 150mg twice  
daily and ininavir 800mg tds.)

# ARVs Therapy as Postexposure Prophylaxis

- It is found that zidovudin reduced the acquisition of HIV in exposed healthcare workers.
- Postexposure prophylaxis has been offered to all victims of rape & subjects practice sex with infected partner. The antiviral should be taken within 72 hours of exposure.

- Routine use of drug therapy after sexual exposure has many objections:
  - Drug cost .
  - Toxicity .
  - Subjects are poorly adherent to postexposure prophylaxis.



# GOLDEN RULES IN HIV THERAPY

- Aim to stop viral replication permanently.
- Monitor plasma viral load & CD4 count, remembering that what seems like elimination often turns into reactivation when treatment stops.

## *Cont.*

- Start ART.early before immunodeficiency occurs
- Use of 3 antiviral drugs ( minimizes replication & cross resistance.).
- Change to a new combination if plasma viral load rebounds.

THANK YOU

